

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [ORD-099-N]

New and Pending Demonstration Project Proposals Submitted Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act: March 1997

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: During the month of March, one new proposal for Medicaid demonstration project was submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of section 1115 of the Social Security Act. There were no proposals approved, disapproved, or withdrawn during that time period.

(This notice can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.hcfa.gov/ord/sect1115.htm>)

COMMENTS: We will accept written comments on these proposals. We will, if feasible, acknowledge receipt of all comments, but we will not provide written responses to comments. We will, however, neither approve nor disapprove any new proposal for at least 30 days after the date of this notice to allow time to receive and consider comments. Direct comments as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Mail correspondence to: Susan Anderson, Office of Research and Demonstrations, Health Care Financing Administration, Mail Stop C3-11-07, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Anderson (410) 786-3996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may consider and approve research and demonstration proposals with a broad range of policy objectives. These demonstrations can lead to improvements in achieving the purposes of the Act.

In exercising her discretionary authority, the Secretary has developed a number of policies and procedures for reviewing proposals. On September 27, 1994, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 49249) that specified (1) The principles that we ordinarily will consider when approving or disapproving demonstration projects under the

authority in section 1115(a) of the Act; (2) the procedures we expect States to use in involving the public in the development of proposed demonstration projects under section 1115; and (3) the procedures we ordinarily will follow in reviewing demonstration proposals. We are committed to a thorough and expeditious review of State requests to conduct such demonstrations.

As part of our procedures, we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** with a monthly listing of all new submissions, pending proposals, approvals, disapprovals, and withdrawn proposals. Proposals submitted in response to a grant solicitation or other competitive process are reported as received during the month that grant or bid is awarded, so as to prevent interference with the awards process.

II. Listing of New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals for the Month of March 1997

A. Comprehensive Health Reform Programs

1. New Proposals

The following comprehensive health reform proposal was received during the month of March.

Demonstration Title/State: New Jersey Managed Charity Care Demonstration.

Description: The State is proposing to incorporate aspects of managed care into the current charity care program to achieve program efficiencies, better value, and improved care and health outcomes for charity care beneficiaries. The demonstration would use the Disproportionate Share Hospital funds allocated to the charity care component and redirect these funds to a new managed charity care program.

Date Received: March 24, 1997.

State Contact: Laurie Facciarossa, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, CN 712, Trenton, NJ 08065, (609) 588-4518.

Federal Project Officer: Bruce Johnson, Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Research and Demonstration, Office of State Health Reform Demonstrations, Mail Stop C3-18-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

2. Pending, Approved, Disapproved, or Withdrawn Proposals

We did not approve or disapprove any proposals during the month of March nor were any proposals withdrawn during that month. Therefore, pending proposals for the month of January 1997 published in the **Federal Register** of March 31, 1997 (62 FR 15187) remain unchanged.

B. Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals

1. New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals

We did not receive any new proposals or approve or disapprove any Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals during the month of March nor were any proposals withdrawn during that month.

Pending proposals for the month of January 1997 found in the **Federal Register** of March 31, 1997 (62 FR 15187) remain unchanged, except for the addition of the Minnesota Long Term Care Facility Waiver (a new proposal that was received in January).

III. Requests for Copies of a Proposal

Requests for copies of a specific Medicaid proposal should be made to the State contact listed for the specific proposal. If further help or information is needed, inquiries should be directed to HCFA at the address above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program, No. 93.779; Health Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Experiments.)

Dated: May 1, 1997

Barbara Cooper,

Acting Director, Office of Research and Demonstrations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [BPO-148-N]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances; Fourth Quarter 1996

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists HCFA manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other **Federal Register** notices that were published during October, November, and December of 1996 that relate to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. It also identifies certain devices with investigational device exemption numbers approved by the Food and Drug Administration that may be potentially covered under Medicare.

Section 1871(c) of the Social Security Act requires that we publish a list of Medicare issuances in the **Federal Register** at least every 3 months. Although we are not mandated to do so by statute, for the sake of completeness